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IMPORT OF OFFSET PRINTING MACHINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether country`s Import of used sheet fed offset printing machines has registered a steep increase in the last few years;

(b) if so, the comparative data of import of these machines for the last three years;

(c) whether the Exim Policy permits the import of such machines;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether given foreign exchange is being released for the import of such machines in violation of Exim Policy;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) the corrective steps being taken in this regard; and

(h) if so, the safeguards measures formulated by the Government to ensure that the importer could not import used printing machines violating the exim policy and trade them freely violating actual users conditions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (h) As per the Exim Policy, 2002-2007, capital goods including 2nd hand offset printing machines older than 10 years can only be imported with an import licence. Licence for such imports are issued on the recommendation of the Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC, an Inter-Ministerial Committee consisting of representatives from concerned Ministriesand technical authorities). A statement indicating number of cases cleared by EFC for import of 2nd hand offset printing machines during the last three years is enclosed.It may be observed that there is no increase in number of such cases cleared by the EFC over the years.These imports were cleared with actual user conditions. As regards violation of Exim Policy, there is a clear provision in the FT(D&R) Act, 1992 to deal with violation of various provision of Exim Policy and any violation of conditions of import of 2nd hand offset printing machines is liable to be dealt with accordingly.

No. of cases cleared by EFC during the last three years for import of 2ndhand offset printing machines.

Year	No. of cases cleared for import of 2nd hand printing machines
2000-2001	1
2001-2002	3
2002-2003	2